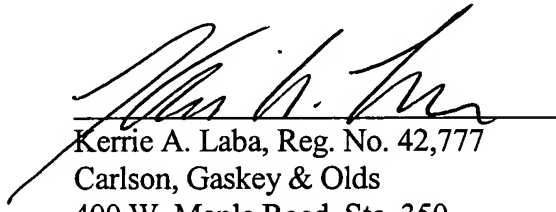


REMARKS

Claims 1-20 have been cancelled. By the present amendment, Applicant has added new claims 21-45. Applicant respectfully requests examination of the claims.

A check is enclosed to cover the cost of the additional dependent claims. It is believed that no additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,




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CERTIFICATE OF MAIL

I hereby certify that the enclosed Preliminary Amendment is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington D.C. 20231 on this 12 day of November, 2002.



Laura Combs